

GERMANY WOULD MAKE WILSON MEDIUM FOR PEACE TALK

CARRANZA TRYING TO AVOID A BREAK WITH UNCLE SAM

Report He Has Not Signed Protocol But Temporarily With Modifications

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Whether communications will be severed by the United States with the Carranza government depends largely upon the answer to the last United States request, made to Carranza on bearing upon conclusions of immediate arrangements for border safety. In this note the United States calls on Carranza either to sign or to repudiate the pending protocol. Carranza's answer is expected to be delivered to Secretary Lansing probably this afternoon.

It is understood that it contains suggestions or modifications carefully worded so as to avoid a break with the United States.

A Mexican official statement says that "The door to further negotiations has not been closed."

MANY FARMERS ASKING LOANS

News published Wednesday of the choosing of 12 cities for farm loan banks lends additional interest to the following Washington dispatch:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Officials of the farm loan board announced Thursday that more than 50,000 farmers have applied for mortgage loans aggregating approximately \$150,000,000 or more than 17 times the amount of money which will be immediately available for loans upon the organization of the 12 farm loan banks. Most of the applications have come from the South and West.

"Although the location of the banks probably will not be announced before December 20, it was said Thursday that almost immediately after organization the banks would find it necessary to issue bonds for practically their entire capital stock to meet the demands of borrowers.

"The rate of interest on bonds is a subject now engaging the board's attention. It is thought that it will not exceed five per cent and may be as low as 4-1/2 per cent."

EUROPEAN BANKING INTERESTS TO WORK WITH FEDERAL RESERVE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The authorization for the federal reserve bank in New York to appoint the Bank of England agent will in all likelihood be followed similarly by Japan, China and Australia.

JAPANESE EMPEROR OPENS PARLIAMENT WITH SHORT ADDRESS

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 28.—The 38th session of the Japanese parliament was formally opened today by Emperor Yoshihito. He made a short address to the members of both houses. Prince Tokogawa was elected president of the house of peers and S. Shimida was chosen as speaker of the chamber of deputies. It was announced that R. Mizuno, a member of the house of peers, had been named as assistant minister of the department of the interior.

RESCUING PARTY FAILS IN SEARCH FOR 200 PASSENGERS ON LINER

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 28.—Members of the rescuing party which started from the coast of Japan to search for the passengers of the Hankoku Maru, the coastwise steamer which went to the bottom off Chefoo in the Yellow sea, have given up hopes of finding any of the passengers, and it is thought that the boat went down with all on board. There were more than 200 passengers on the liner.

RECEIVES FRACTURES WHILE SHOEING MULE

Dr. L. E. Case, veterinary surgeon, who has offices at the Lewis stables, is at the Port Shafter hospital for treatment, having suffered fractures to two pelvic bones last Sunday when he was shoeing an army mule at Waimanalo. According to word from his home today, Dr. Case is resting as comfortably as could be expected, but will probably be six weeks before he is able to walk.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	107 1/2	111
American Smelter	103	104 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	109 1/2	109 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	125 1/2	125
Anaconda Copper	80 1/2	82 1/2
Atchafalpa	104	104 1/2
Eldorado Loco.	57	60
Eastman & Ohio	83 1/2	84 1/2
Eschschm Steel	24 1/2	25
Calif. Petroleum	165 1/2	167
Canadian Pacific	91 1/2	91 1/2
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	91 1/2	91 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	44 1/2	45 1/2
Crucible Steel	59 1/2	62 1/2
Erie Common	34	34 1/2
General Electric	166 1/2	167 1/2
General Motors	117 1/2	118
Great Northern Pfd.	121	119
Inter. Harv., N. J.	44 1/2	45 1/2
Kennecott Copper	79 1/2	80
Lehigh R. R.	104	104 1/2
New York Central	104	104 1/2
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	25 1/2	26 1/2
Southern Pacific	96 1/2	97 1/2
Studebaker	104 1/2	109 1/2
Texas	22 1/2	22 1/2
Union Pacific	147	148
U. S. Steel	105 1/2	107 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	120	119 1/2
Utah	99 1/2	101 1/2
Western Union	96	96 1/2
Westinghouse	55 1/2	56 1/2

*Bid. *Ex-dividend. *Unquoted.

BOND CAMPAIGN PLANS ARE MADE

That the campaign for the water and sewer bond issue for which a plebiscite has been called for February 21 will be entirely along educational lines is the intention of Harry Murray, superintendent of the water department.

Murray believes that the citizens will vote for the bonds if the need of the city for such an issue is clearly put before them and to carry out this scheme he is having maps for the various districts where the improvements are to be put in drawn. These maps will be distributed among the people and also posted in conspicuous places. Slides showing where all the new pipes are to be laid will also be shown at the moving picture houses.

The campaign will start the first week in January and from the very start to February 21 Murray plans to hold as many meetings as possible. "Practically everybody is now in favor of the bond issue," Murray said this morning. "There is some opposition in the Kalihi district because the people have been told that only 7000 feet of pipe is to be laid there. The plans call for nearly 17,000 feet of pipe, which proves my contention that if the plans are properly explained to the people they will see the need of the issue."

CHARLES WINCHESTER DIES; OLDEST MEMBER OF WATER DEPARTMENT

Charles K. Winchester, the oldest member of the water department, died Wednesday afternoon at his home, Kuakini street, following a month's illness. Winchester was born at Lahaina, Maui, and was 58 years old. His wife died six years ago. Surviving him are his brother, William H. Winchester, and a nephew, Charles W. Winchester, Jr., both of Honolulu. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the undertaking parlors of M. E. Silva and was attended by officers and members of Court Camoes No. 8110, Ancient Order of Foresters.

When Winchester first came to Honolulu during the reign of King Kalakaua, he entered the custom service. Later he joined the water department, where he worked for the past 32 years. The past seven years he was foreman and his death is a great loss to the department as he knew the size and location of every pipe and valve in Honolulu.

BISHOP BASHFORD COMING

Dr. William H. Fry, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, is in receipt of a letter from Bishop J. W. Bashford of Shanghai, China, that he is returning to America with Mrs. Bashford. They will arrive in Honolulu January 2 on the Siberia Maru and may remain in the islands for a month.

BOOST JUNE TRAVEL

"Hawaii in June With Trees in Bloom" is the latest slogan to be used by the Hawaii Promotion Committee in launching its plan for a big tourist travel in the summer. A special card bearing the slogan, with an invitation to attend the birthday celebration of the Napoleon of the Pacific, is being sent out.

CHINESE REQUEST MADE IN CAPITAL FIVE MONTHS AGO

Plan to Allow Laborers to Enter Hawaii Told Before House Committee

That the movement of local Chinese societies and businessmen to seek, through action at Washington, the admission of Chinese laborers here was prosecuted actively at the national capital five months ago was learned yesterday by the Star-Bulletin.

Last August W. H. Hindle, who has just left for Washington with Farm Corn, was in Washington partly on private business and appeared on August 29 at a formal hearing before a subcommittee of the house committee on territories. He represented the United Chinese Society of Honolulu, bearing credentials signed by prominent local Chinese, and showing that on August 4 he was named to represent all the Chinese in Hawaii on the plan favored.

The hearing before the house subcommittee goes fully into the request by the Chinese. A long petition, signed by the United Chinese Society, Yee Yee, president, was filed, going into the history of the Chinese here and dwelling on present business and agricultural conditions. The petition concludes in part as follows: "The foregoing statements are made with a view to endeavor, if possible, that the government of the United States of America, and the republic of China, can enter into a special agreement for the territory of Hawaii; that Chinese laborers may be admitted to the islands; that the same privileges be accorded to the Chinese race as to other nations of Oriental race."

Throughout the hearing it was emphasized that the chief benefit of such Chinese labor immigration would be to the rice industry in the islands. The petition was also presented to the house committee on territories.

In answer to a question by Congressman Brumbaugh, Hindle said: "The Chinese will be bound by this agreement, if any of them come to Hawaii for the purpose of labor, never, under any circumstances, to enter the United States of America."

Hindle's return to Washington, accompanied by Farm Corn, is believed to forecast a more active pressing of the objects set forth in the petition. Local Chinese say that they have received substantial encouragement from Congressman Burnett, chairman of the immigration committee, and others.

Favor Movement To Bring Young Folk to Hawaii

That a concerted movement should be started here to interest the schools of the mainland to send their members to Hawaii, either as athletic teams or simply as a tour of education, is the opinion of Mayor John C. Lane, who has become greatly interested in the ideas expressed in recent Star-Bulletin editorials and stands ready to aid the movement.

"It is one of the best means of boosting the wonders of Hawaii that I can think of," he said this morning. "When these young people return home all they will think and talk about for months is Hawaii and that kind of talk, enthusiastic in the extreme, will do more for Hawaii than all the literature ever printed. I hope the matter will be taken up and I shall be strongly in every way I can."

Bernard Strongly Indorses "From a promotion standpoint the plan to bring a boatload of students here for a big meet in 1918, as suggested by the Star-Bulletin, is one of the biggest projects that has been introduced," said Emil Berndt, chairman of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, today.

The plan advocated in the schools would give the students a desire for travel. It would be a plan held up to them which would be more than worth while. A trip to Hawaii would be in the nature of a scholarship or post-graduate course. A plan to have the students come here would receive publicity throughout America.

"Scholarship would naturally be better if the student were given some trip which would be of educational value. It is certain that a liner as large as the Great Northern would be able to accommodate the students. I can see great possibilities in the plan," he concluded.

PLANS FOR NEW KALIH PUMP ARE BEING DRAWN

Plans and specifications of the proposed extra pump for the Kalihi pumping plant are being drawn up by Harry Murray, superintendent of the water department, and will be ready to present to the Oahu Loan Fund Commission within a week. The pump is to be used for emergency in case any of the present units break down.

WOMAN ARRESTED IS FOUND TO BE COLD IN DEATH

Examination By Hospital Man Shows Prisoner Booked as Drunk is Really Corpse

The arrest of John P. Kekaula this morning on a charge of first degree murder brought out the story of a remarkable arrest made by the police Christmas night—that of a dead woman who was taken to the police station, formally charged with drunkenness and placed in a cell after life had left her body.

The woman was Mrs. Kekaula and the husband is now accused of being responsible for her death although the police generally scout the idea. Mrs. Kekaula was found about 10 o'clock Monday night on King street near Pua lane, lying under the eaves of a tenement house. The police were notified and thinking she was drunk they brought her in, booked her for intoxication and carried her below.

Frank Stevenson, emergency hospital assistant, saw the police carry the woman down stairs and thought her appearance strange for a drunken person. He asked Capt. Kamahu, on duty at the time, to be allowed to see her, and a few minutes later he reported to the captain that the woman had been dead some time.

Mrs. Kekaula was the captain's sister-in-law and the victim's sister was standing at the desk at the time. She fainted when the word was said.

The sister of the dead woman now charges that the husband beat the wife severely at times and that such assaults were the cause of the death. Dr. R. G. Ayer, police surgeon, says, however, that the woman died of fatty degeneration of the heart.

The police report that the victim had been drinking very heavily Christmas day and night.

Sheriff Rose has ordered a thorough investigation.

DRAW JURYMEN FOR 1917 TERM

One hundred and one persons were selected in Circuit Judge Ashford's court today for jury duty during the 1917 term of the local circuit court.

Each of the three divisions selected 26 persons as trial jurors. The members of the new grand jury have been notified to be in court at 10 o'clock on the morning of January 8. They will meet in Judge Coke's court room. Judge Coke's jurors have been notified to be in court at 10 o'clock on the morning of January 9. The jurors for Judge Whitney's and Judge Ashford's divisions need not appear until notified.

The territorial grand jury is composed of the following: Harold B. Giffard, Marston Campbell, J. A. Templeton, R. W. Atkinson, E. P. Fogarty, F. E. Richardson, C. G. Bockus, Jacob Lando, El Towse, Robert Law, G. F. Renton, Jr., H. P. Berntmann, J. F. Child, A. Gartenberg, Oliver H. Walker, Hans H. Kohler, J. H. Hertsche, W. O. Barnhart, W. G. Chalmers, E. C. Winston, E. L. Krauss, F. H. Hons, Charles R. Frazier.

The following were selected as jurors for Judge Ashford's division: Thomas Gill, James Brown, Arthur W. Howe, G. F. de la Nux, James L. P. Robinson, M. K. Hulu, George E. Bruns, Daniel H. King, John F. Colburn III, L. M. Keauulu, C. P. Osborne, Harry B. Myhre, Lot P. Fernandez, Asa Jacobson, Spencer Berkert, Charles Lehmann, John Harry Jones, Lyman P. George, Robert Asam, Richard Cheatham, Thomas R. McGuire, Eugene K. Allen, Nelson Baker Lansing, Will C. King, Charles B. Wilson, Charles L. O'Sullivan.

The following were selected as jurors for Judge Whitney's division: Alfred K. C. Yap, Ernest V. Soares, Albert A. Auyong, David Kahaleaahu, Horace E. Crabbe, Charles E. Lang, Lyman H. Bigelow, Charles C. Ludington, W. T. Raposo, George E. Gall, Joseph Fernandez, Christopher Lewis, James P. Lynch, David Kanuha, Fong L. Akana, John H. Amoy, Hosea Caetano, Caesar P. Silva, Afong W. Heen, William Lindsay, James K. Sakuma, William Espinda, Joseph J. Gouveia, Char Ah On, George E. Jurgensen, Albert H. Turlington.

The following were selected as jurors for Judge Coke's division: A. K. Smythe, William E. Hehe, W. B. Holt, Vernon L. Ayau, Martin W. Putnam, Frank P. McIntyre, John G. Duarte, Isadore A. Scharlin, Mark A. Robinson, Richard Mossman, John H. Thompson, Reuben Kinney, Chas. K. Johnson, Irwin H. Beadle, She Kal Luke, James P. Winne, Edmund Hede-mann, William K. Kahilikolo, Alan McGowan, Joseph I. Whittle, Kim Tong Ho, George D. Robinson, W. M. Minton, D. de Camara, Karl W. Fiebig, W. D. McWayne.

CROOKED DEAL IN OPIUM IS PROBED BY U. S. OFFICERS

Japanese Said to Have Bilked Fellow Countryman Out of \$1000

Details of a "badger" game, wherein 50 tins supposed to have contained opium were used as "bait" to secure \$1000 from a local Japanese, and having all the earmarks of the now famous Scully-Bower-McGrath-Boggs swindle, have leaked out through the local Japanese press. The alleged deal is being investigated by U. S. Marshal Jerome J. Smiddy and the U. S. attorney's office.

If sufficient evidence is gathered the matter will be presented to the federal grand jury, says District Attorney S. C. Huber. Already Huber has interviewed a number of persons professing to know something about the deal, but he says that the affair has a number of angles and that it may take some little time to bring the matter to a head.

According to stories told by those interviewed by the U. S. attorney, three local Japanese arranged to sell 50 tins of opium to another Japanese, the consideration being the payment of \$1000 upon the delivery of the tins, and the payment of another \$1000 after the receipt of the opium had disposed of it.

Arrangements were made, the story goes, whereby the three Japanese met the fourth at a house in Kewalo one night about three weeks ago. The 50 tins were placed on the table and the buyer handed over \$1000. At that point another Japanese, believed to be a confederate of the sellers, rushed in shouting, "Here are the police, we are caught," whereupon there was a general scramble of the Japanese to get out of the room. But there were no police.

When the Japanese who was to buy the opium returned to the house both the opium and the money had disappeared. Marshal Smiddy has in his possession a tin partially filled with opium which is alleged to be one of the 50 tins. It was turned over to the district attorney's office by one of the Japanese interviewed in connection with the deal.

BELIEVES SURVEY IS UNNECESSARY

A federal survey of the schools in Hawaii is not necessary, asserts Capt. L. C. Blackman, principal of the Honolulu Military Academy and member of the board of school commissioners.

"There is little doubt that a federal survey would be a very good thing," says Capt. Blackman, "but I do not think Hawaii needs it. If there was one, however, the investigators would be surprised at and pleased with educational conditions as they exist in Hawaii today. They would find that the standard in Hawaii is higher than one might expect, taking into consideration the conditions teachers are laboring under and the tremendous alien population.

"Personally, I do not think the survey is needed; but if it is desired I undoubtedly would be worth while. We have nothing to hide in our schools and the greater the publicity regarding their work the better it will be for all concerned.

"The federal government does not know what we are doing in Hawaii in the way of education, and for this reason I would welcome a survey."

Capt. Blackman thinks the expenses of a federal survey should be met by the legislature.

WHO IS WIDOW OF MIYAKE? WHITNEY DESIRES TO KNOW

Circuit Judge Whitney anticipates difficulty in determining the real wife of Hidematsu Miyake, who, in the face of deportation to Japan by federal immigration authorities, recently committed suicide.

Ryotaro has been appointed temporary administrator of the Miyake estate under bond in the sum of \$5000. The estate is said to be valued at a sum equal to the amount of the bond.

A woman claiming to be the widow of Miyake is in detention at the federal immigration station pending investigation of charges recently preferred against her. Another story is that the lawful wife of Miyake is living in Japan. Judge Whitney is making a personal investigation in an attempt to secure the correct facts.

TEUTONS APPARENTLY INTEND TO PRESS PLAN, THOUGH ALLIES SHOULD DEMAND THEIR TERMS

Paris Papers Declare Berlin's Reply to Wilson Note is Evasion and "Hypocritical Expedient"—Defeat of Russo-Rumanians Regarded as Complete

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—That Germany has an intention of making President Wilson the medium for tentative discussion of peace negotiations is understood in well-informed circles here to be the case. It became known today, and widely commented upon, that Germany will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the Entente Allies to enter into a conference without a prior knowledge of her terms.

In the diplomatic maneuvering which has arisen, Germany is planning to so handle her points as to secure a road to the negotiations over the refusal of the Entente Powers to move until the Teutons have given some concrete evidence of what they are prepared to do toward bringing an end to the war and adjusting international relations.

Rumanian Defeat Virtually Complete

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 28.—The defeat of the Russo-Rumanians is regarded as completed. The Teutons early today captured 3000 more of the defending forces, who are now cooped in a small portion of the northwest part of Rumania, surrounded on three sides by Teuton armies.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 28.—Official report early today says that both east and west fronts are comparatively quiet. In the big Wallachian campaign by the Teutons against the Rumanians there is nothing new. Rimnicul Saraf has been captured. Northeast of Dolan lake, on the Macedonian front, another English attack was made, but was repulsed.

MAYOR CONSIDERS NEW APPOINTEES

With the resignation of Lorrin Andrews and S. P. Correa as members of the Civil Service Commission because of their election to the legislature, interest has been aroused as to who their successors will be.

Mayor John Lane said this morning that he had not come to a definite decision but it is understood that his selection will be W. J. Sheldon and Edward Fogarty. Nona W. Atull will be reappointed.

The appointment of the new commissioners will be made the first of January by the mayor to be approved by the board of supervisors, and there is thought to be little doubt that both Sheldon and Fogarty will be the new members.

Another change that will take place in the city hall the first of the year is the resignation of Edward Woodward, secretary to Mayor Lane. Woodward would not say this morning why he was resigning except that it was with the approval of the mayor. It has been learned, however, that he has been asked to be clerk of the next legislature and is giving up his present position to accept the offer.

ALLEGED CHINESE GAMBLERS LET GO BY JUDGE ASHFORD

Lee Chin and 25 other Chinese, charged with being present at a gambling game, were declared not guilty by Circuit Judge Ashford today. The defendants were arrested in a raid by police and detectives after the officers had smashed down a locked door to get into the room where it was alleged gambling was going on.

The prosecution's evidence consisted of the battered door, a box full of Chinese checkers, a button, a lantern and a stool. Attorney Lorrin Andrews, representing the defendants, contended that the Chinese game of checkers is a contest of skill and one that only two persons may play. The court held that the prosecution had not proved that a gambling game was being conducted.

SCHOFIELD BUNGALOWS NEARING COMPLETION

Rapid work which has been done upon the 11 non-commissioned officers' quarters at Schofield Barracks which are now nearing completion, has been the cause of considerable comment.

The buildings, which are of bungalow cottage type, stand on the high ground at Castner and present a pleasing appearance according to many

It had been forecast that the Entente group would base a refusal on the fact that the German proposals are too vague to receive consideration.

The Teutons, it is now understood, are willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad, tentative terms through President Wilson if necessary to bridge the gap which now threatens to prevent the assemblage of peace delegates. Intimations have reached the government that a statement of this position will soon be communicated to the United States.

Paris Press Raps Germany's Answer

PARIS, France, Dec. 28.—Morning papers of Paris are unanimous in pronouncing Germany's answer to the United States a polite refusal to comply with President Wilson's suggestions.

The Matin says: "Germany intentionally reverses the terms of Wilson's note. The enemy is attempting to hoodwink us."

The Petit Parisien declares: "The reply is not direct nor is it a loyal answer to the American suggestions. It is only a hypocritical expedient. It ignores Wilson's suggestions that Germany state the conditions on which she will accept peace."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The official text arrived today of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note suggesting a statement of peace terms. Assertions are made in official quarters that no confidential communications from U. S. Ambassador Gerard accompanied the German note.

German Papers of A Laudatory Mind

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to the United States, insisting that the Teutons are ready to discuss peace, has caused a good impression on the press generally, according to newspaper comment.

Only the anti-American newspapers show a disposition to dissent, particularly on the point that Germany will cooperate after the war in an international movement to abrogate armed strife. These papers are of the opinion that any interference by America is intolerable.

A reply has been handed to the Swiss minister along the same lines as the reply to President Wilson. Switzerland having given Germany a note similar to that of the United States.

Four sets of quarters for company officers and four others for field officers of the 4th Cavalry will be completed in March.

Additional Telegraph despatches published on Page 9.